



# Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Committee and Program Evaluation Division

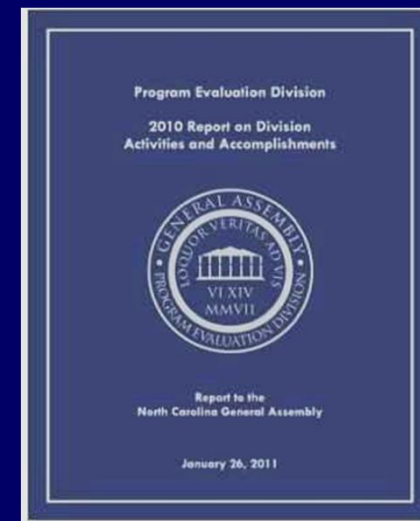
Presentation to the Joint Legislative  
Program Evaluation Oversight Committee

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# Overview

- Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee: Statutory Authority
- Program Evaluation Division: History, Duties and Staff
- Topic Selection Process and Upcoming Survey of all Legislators
- Division Evaluation Process
- Reports to Date and Follow Up
- Current Projects
- Savings Still Possible



# Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee

- Created by § 120-36.15, S.L. 2007-78
- Permanent, 9 Representatives, 9 Senators
- Meetings called by Chairs
- Develops and approves Program Evaluation Division Work Plan
- Receives PED reports as presented
- Reviews and may recommend legislation to General Assembly

# Program Evaluation Division History and Resources

- Created by § 120-36.15, S.L. 2007-78
- Nonpartisan staff unit of the Legislative Services Office
- Director serves at pleasure of the Legislative Services Commission
- Permanent staff of 10 plus 1 temporary and interns
- May contract out projects if funded to do so

# Program Evaluation Division Duties

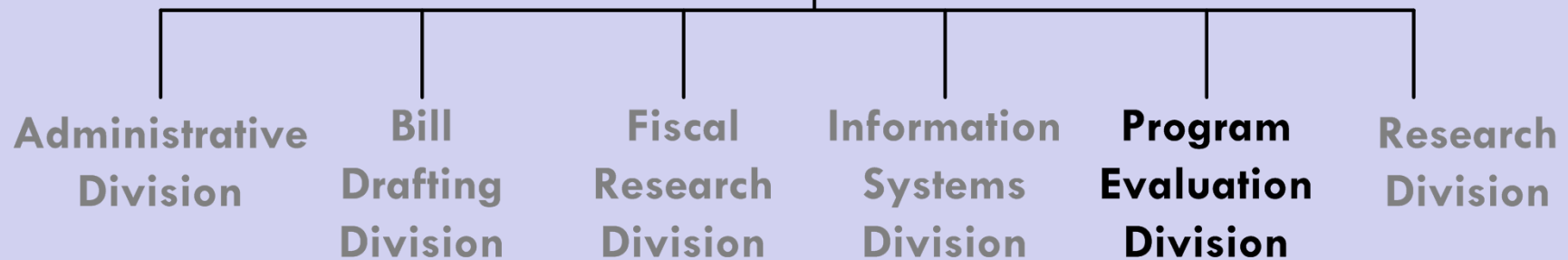
- Evaluate programs and activities of state agencies: emphasis on program results and return on state investment
- Working papers and PED requests to agencies are not public records
- Make recommendations for improving program efficiency and effectiveness
- Follow up to determine implementation of recommendations

# Where We Are in the General Assembly



**North Carolina  
General Assembly**

**Legislative Services Office**





# Division Staff



John Turcotte, MA  
Director



Carol Ripple, PhD  
Principal Evaluator



Carol Shaw, MRP  
Principal Evaluator



Larry Yates, MS  
Principal Evaluator



Pam Taylor, PhD  
Statistician



Michelle Beck, MS  
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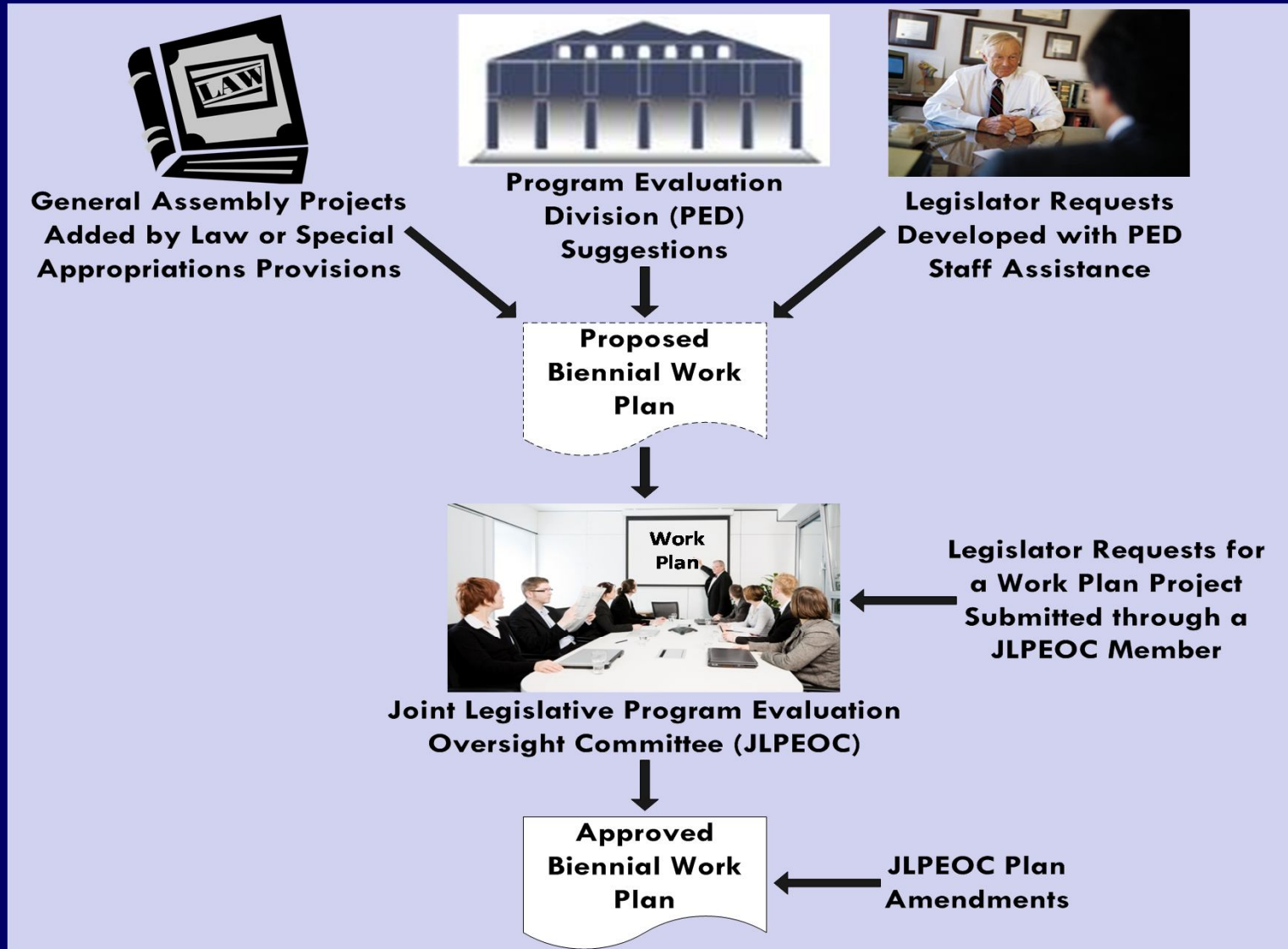
Doris Gilbert  
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Laura Holt-Kabel,  
MPA  
Research  
Assistant



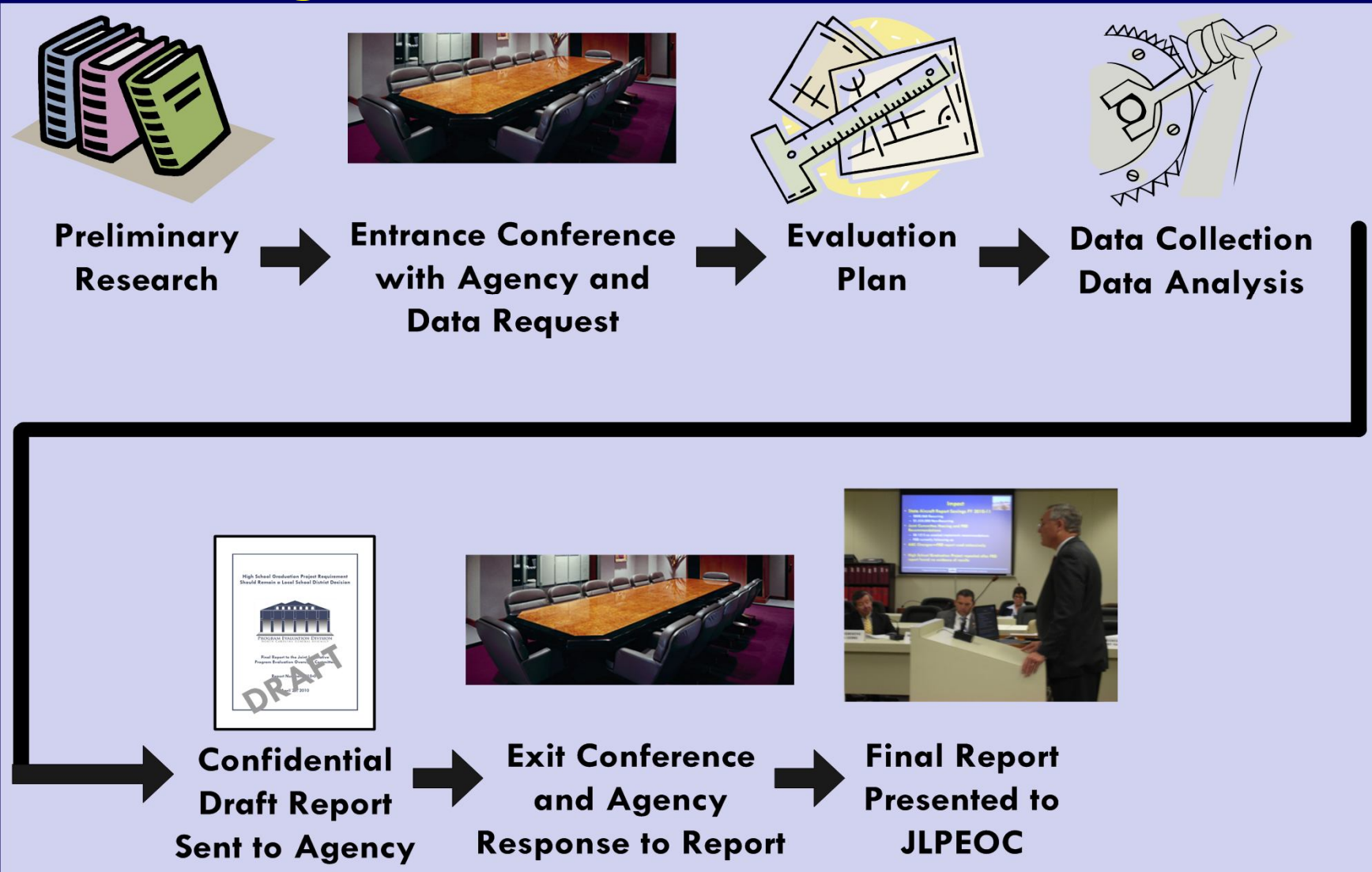
# Report Topic Selection



# Member Survey

- Online survey designed to gather information from members on evaluation topics of interest
  - Agencies
  - Programs
  - Specific Issues
- Still receiving Responses

# Program Evaluation Process



# Summary of Reports Released to Date

Year	Report Directed By	Number of Reports Released
<b>2008</b>	Act of General Assembly	2
	JLPEOC Work Plan	7
<b>2009</b>	Act of General Assembly	1
	JLPEOC Work Plan	6
<b>2010-11</b>	Act of General Assembly	7
	JLPEOC Work Plan	4
<b>Total Reports Released to Date</b>		<b>27</b>

# PED Issues Two Types of Reports

## Evaluation Report

### PROGRAM **EVALUATION**

- ✓ Criteria: What are the research questions?
- ✓ Rigorous methodology to provide answers
- ✓ Data intensive, heavy field work
- ✓ Provides recommendations



## NC Accountability Report

### PROGRAM **RATING**

- ✓ Criteria: Are accountability elements evident?
- ✓ Like a credit rating
- ✓ Determines degree of investment risk
- ✓ Relies upon program to provide evidence



# Current Division Evaluations

1. Inventory of Programs for Children, Youth, and Families (Just Released)
2. County Departments of Social Services Administration of Mandated Programs
3. Program and Financial Review of Global TransPark Authority
4. Efficiency and Effectiveness of Community College Administration

# Current NCAR Projects

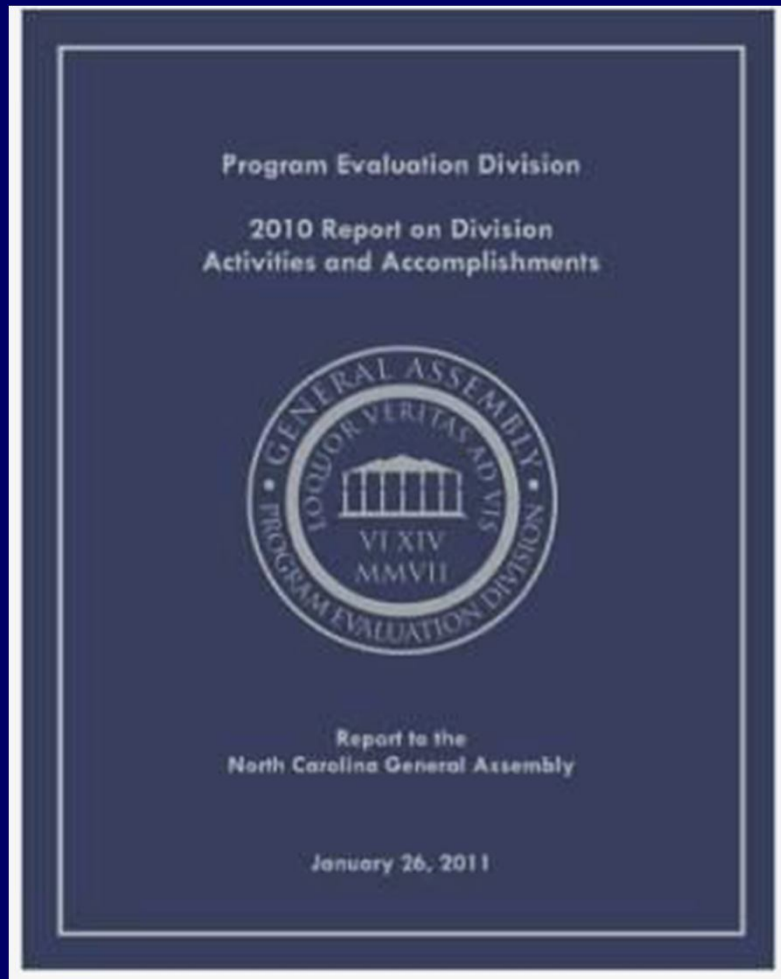
1. Department of Administration:  
Advocacy Programs
2. Department of Transportation:  
Highway Construction
3. Non-Profit: Connect, Inc.



## Savings Recommended Still Possible

Report	Potential Savings			
	General Fund		Other	Total
	Recurring	Non-Recurring		
Agricultural Research Stations	\$ 3,671,413	\$54,745,896	\$ -	\$ 58,417,309
Motor Vehicle Inspections			103,480,000	103,480,000
Underutilized State Aircraft	1,003,431	6,427,500		7,430,931
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 4,674,844</b>	<b>\$ 61,173,396</b>	<b>\$ 103,480,000</b>	<b>\$ 169,328,240</b>
Restructuring Budget and Financial Management				
Option 1. Merge State Budget and Controller	\$ 788,000			\$ 788,000
<b>Subtotal Including Option 1</b>	<b>\$ 5,462,844</b>	<b>\$ 61,173,396</b>	<b>\$ 103,480,000</b>	<b>\$ 170,116,240</b>
Option 2. Controller Merged with Treasurer	387,000			387,000
<b>Subtotal Including Option 2</b>	<b>\$ 5,061,844</b>	<b>\$ 61,173,396</b>	<b>\$ 103,480,000</b>	<b>\$ 169,715,240</b>

# Our Reports are Available Online at [www.ncleg.net/PED/Reports/](http://www.ncleg.net/PED/Reports/)



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# Report Topic Selection

